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FOR: THE CHARACTERISATION OF PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL  
PROPERTIES OF A LIQUID AND A DEVICE THEREFOR

**REQUEST FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW PRIOR  
TO ISSUANCE OF FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 3, 2002

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests a personal interview before issuance of a First Office Action. As the undersigned does not know when the Examiner will reach this case for examination, the Examiner is requested to contact D. Richard Anderson, Reg. No. 40,439 at (703) 205-8000 to arrange for the interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0583 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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